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(54) CONTAINER FOR STORING AT LEAST TWO RECTANGULAR ARTICLES

(71) I, RICHARD ALAN EASTO a British subject of 558 Sidcup Road, Mottingham, S.E.9, do hereby declare the invention, for which I pray that a patent may be granted to me, and the method by which it is to be performed to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to a container and is more particularly directed to a container for carrying a number of rectangular articles and which can be made from any convenient material, for example, wood, board, paper, card or plastics material.

According to the present invention a container for carrying at least two rectangular articles comprises a rectangular box having a removable portion which extends across three sides and which is positioned so that when removed it exposes the contents and the box can be folded back to expose the faces of the two articles which were in engagement or adjacent one another prior to opening.

Thus, the box can be used to transport articles and can be subsequently used as a dispenser.

Preferably the end portions of the articles adjacent their engagement faces are also exposed when the removeable portion is removed and this will thus facilitate removal of the articles from the box.

In one convenient arrangement the box is made from card or paper and the removeable portion is in the form of a tear strip.

In a preferred embodiment the box may be dimensioned to carry two ranks of rectangular articles, the side faces of the articles engaging one another in each rank and the end faces of the articles in one rank engaging end faces of the articles in the other rank.

With the above arrangement the end portions of the articles may be arranged to be exposed when the removeable portion is removed and the remaining side of the box

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may be arranged to provide a pair of spaced parallel hinges extending parallel to the edges of the removeable portion on the displaced parallel side of the box.

Thus, when the box referred to above is opened it will provide two spaced rows of articles which can be easily removed.

The box is particularly although not exclusively applicable for carrying and dispensing packets of cigarettes and according to another feature of the invention therefore the box is dimensioned to contain two ranks of packets containing cigarettes.

The invention may be performed in many ways but one embodiment will now be described by way of example and with reference to the accompanying drawing in which,

Figure 1 is an isometric view of a container according to the invention loaded and prior to opening, and,

Figure 2 is an isometric view of the container shown in Figure 1 in its open position.

In the arrangement to be described and as shown in the drawings the container is for carrying and dispensing packets of ten cigarettes 1 which are indicated in broken lines and comprises a rectangular box in which two ranks of packets of ten cigarettes are carried when packed as shown in Figure 1. The side faces 2 of the packets 1 in each rank engage one another and the end faces 3 of the packets in the other rank, ten packets being carried in each of the ranks so that the box contains 200 cigarettes in all.

The box is made from card or paper and a tear strip 4 one inch wide is provided across one of its large side faces 5 and the two adjoining end faces 6 so that when the tear strip 4 is removed the box can be folded back as shown in Figure 2 to expose the end faces 3 and the end portion of the cigarette packets.

The other side face 7 of the box which

is parallel to but spaced from the side face 5 containing the tear strip 4 is intended to provide a pair of spaced parallel hinges 8 which are parallel and in line with the edges 5 of the tear strip 4 is removed the box can be hinged back along these two indented lines which thus act as parallel hinges, thus the whole of the end of each packet 1 is exposed to assist removal.

10 The outer surface of the box can be provided with advertising media and if desired the whole box can be covered with an external wrapping

15 WHAT I CLAIM IS:—

1. A container for at least two rectangular articles comprising a rectangular box having a removeable portion which extends across three sides and which is positioned 20 so that when removed it exposes the contents and the box can be folded back to expose the faces of the two articles which were in engagement or adjacent one another prior to opening.

25 2. A container as claimed in claim 1 in which the end portions of the articles adjacent the engagement faces are also exposed when the removeable portion is removed.

30 3. A container as claimed in claim 1 or

claim 2 in which the box is made from card or paper.

4. A container as claimed in claim 3 in which the removable portion is in the form 35 of a tear strip.

5. A container as claimed in claims 1-4 in which the box is dimensioned to carry two ranks of rectangular articles, the side faces of the articles engaging one another in each rank and the end faces of the articles 40 in one rank engaging the end faces of the articles in the other rank.

6. A container as claimed in claim 5 in which the end portions of the articles are also exposed when the removable portion is removed and the remaining side of the box 45 is removed and the remaining side of the box is arranged to provide a pair of spaced parallel hinges extending parallel to the edges of the removable portion on the displaced side of the box. 50

7. A container as claimed in claim 5 or claim 6 in which the box is dimensioned to contain two ranks of packets containing 55 cigarettes.

8. A container substantially as described herein with reference to and as shown in the accompanying drawings.

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Fig. 1.

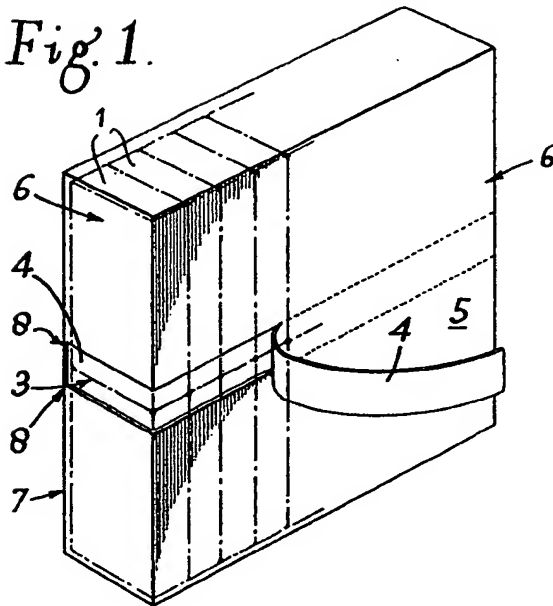
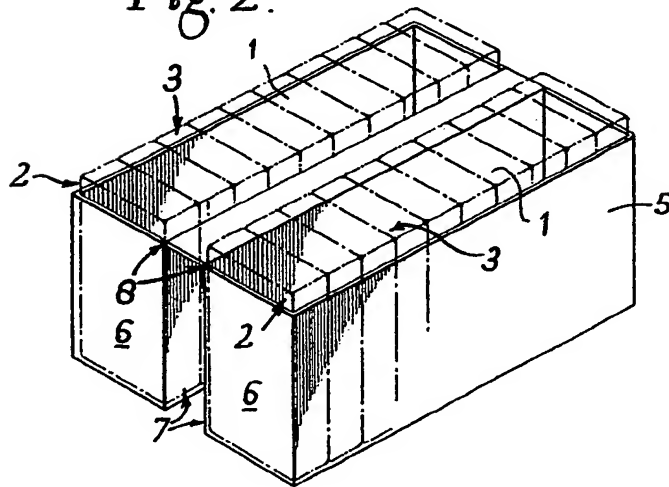


Fig. 2.



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